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1. THE ITALIAN DEL INFORMED NATO POLADS OF THE FOLLOWING
RE ETHIOPIA: ACCORDING TO A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, A
DERG DELEGATION HAS OBTAINED 44,000 SOVIET-MADE AUTOMATIC
RIFLES FROM EAST EUROPE (10,000 EACH FROM POLAND, GDR
AND HUNGARY; 14,000 FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA). THE RIFLES AND
AMMUNITION WERE FURNISHED FREE BY ALL EXCEPT CZECHOSLO-
VAKIA.

2. IT IS RUMORED LIBYA HAS NOTIFIED ETHIOPIA THAT IT IS
WILLING TO FURNISH ARMS AND MONEY SO THAT ETHIOPIA CAN
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INCREASE PRESSURE ON THE SUDAN.

3. THE PRESENCE OF CUBAN MILITARY EXPERTS IN ETHIOPIA
APPEARS CONFIRMED, AND A FAIRLY IMPORTANT NUMBER OF
ADDITIONAL EXPERTS ARE ARRIVING. THE CUBANS WILL OPERATE
DIRECTLY UNDER THE DEFENSE COMMITTEE OF THE DERG INSTEAD
OF THE DEFENSE MINISTRY. STREATOR

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